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MEMBERS OF EIU MARCHING BAND

CHARLESTON, IL--Two area students are proud members of the Eastern Illinois University Panther Marching Band. Ryan Hourigan, son of Dr. Carol L. Hourigan of Effingham, is a junior music education major at Eastern. Mathew Webster, a 1989 graduate of Effingham High School, is a senior education major at Eastern.

A residential university, Eastern's highest priority is excellence in teaching, with graduation rates well above state and national averages.

The Panther Marching Band is one of many performing band organizations at the university. The band performs not only at each Panther home game, but also appears before national television audiences at the Chicago Bears home opener at Soldier Field.

Conducted by Director of Bands, Bruce Moss, it combines traditional music and maneuvers with the best contemporary drill techniques and current popular music. Members come from all academic disciplines within the university. Many are non-music majors.